

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Katsuhiko IMAI Conf. No. 6036
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For: RC BUILDING SEISMIC REINFORCEMENT METHOD UTILIZING
STEEL PORTAL FRAMES WITHOUT BRACES

Commissioner For Patents
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the species election requirement stated in the Office Action dated March 21, 2006 the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Figure 2.

The applicant believes that claims 8-11 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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